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Fig. 44 graphically illustrates a filter graph with thread dependencies during dynamic graph building, according to one embodiment of the present invention.

Fig. 45 is a block diagram of an example filter graph manager incorporating storage space for connected filter strings, in accordance with one aspect of the present invention.

Fig. 46 is a graphical illustration of an example filter cache suitable for use in accordance with the teachings of the present invention.

Fig. 47 is a flow chart of an example method for dynamically loading source filter strings, according to one embodiment of the present invention.

Fig. 48 is a flow chart of an example method for dynamically unloading source filter strings, according to one embodiment of the present invention.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Related Applications

This application is related to the following commonly-filed U.S. Patent Applications, all of which are commonly assigned to Microsoft Corp., the disclosures of which are incorporated by reference herein:

- Application Serial No. 09/31,560, entitled "An Interface and Related Methods for Reducing Source Accesses in a Development System", naming Daniel J. Miller and Eric H. Rudolph as inventors, and bearing attorney docket number MS1-643US;
- Application Serial No. <u>09/132,084</u>, entitled "A System and Related Interfaces Facilitating the Processing of Media Content", naming Daniel J. Miller and Eric H. Rudolph as inventors, and bearing attorney docket number MS1-629US;
- Application Serial No. 09/731490, entitled "A System and Related Methods for Reducing Source Filter Invocation in a Development Project", naming Daniel J. Miller and Eric H. Rudolph as inventors, and bearing attorney docket number MS1-631US;

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- Application Serial No. <u>09\732,452</u>, entitled "A System and Related Methods for Reducing Memory Requirements of a Media Processing System", naming Daniel J. Miller and Eric H. Rudolph as inventors, and bearing attorney docket number MS1-632US;
- Application Serial No. <u>09|73|529</u>, entitled "A System and Related Methods for Reducing the Instances of Source Files in a Filter Graph", naming Daniel J. Miller and Eric H. Rudolph as inventors, and bearing attorney docket number MS1-633US;
- Application Serial No. 09/132,087, entitled "An Interface and Related Methods for Dynamically Generating a Filter Graph in a Development System", naming Daniel J. Miller and Eric H. Rudolph as inventors, and bearing attorney docket number MS1-634US;
- Application Serial No. 20132,090, entitled "A System and Related Methods for Processing Audio Content in a Filter Graph", naming Daniel J. Miller and Eric H. Rudolph as inventors, and bearing attorney docket number MS1-639US;
- Application Serial No. 09/131 491, entitled "Methods and Systems for Processing Media Content", naming Daniel J. Miller and Eric H. Rudolph as inventors, and bearing attorney docket number MS1-640US;
- Application Serial No. 09/131,563, entitled "Systems for Managing Multiple Inputs and Methods and Systems for Processing Media Content", naming Daniel J. Miller and Eric H. Rudolph as inventors, and bearing attorney docket number MS1-635US;
- Application Serial No. 09/131,892, entitled "Methods and Systems for Implementing Dynamic Properties on Objects that Support Only Static Properties", naming Daniel J. Miller and David Maymudes as inventors, and bearing attorney docket number MS1-638US;
- Application Serial No. <u>oq 132 089</u>, entitled "Methods and Systems for Efficiently Processing Compressed and Uncompressed Media Content", naming Daniel J. Miller and Eric H. Rudolph as inventors, and bearing attorney docket number MS1-630US;
- Application Serial No. 09/131,581, entitled "Methods and Systems for Effecting Video Transitions Represented By Bitmaps", naming Daniel J. Miller and David Maymudes as inventors, and bearing attorney docket number MS1-637US;
- Application Serial No. 09\732,372, entitled "Methods and Systems for Mixing Digital Audio Signals", naming Eric H. Rudolph as inventor, and bearing attorney-docket number MS1-636US; and
- Application Serial No. <u>09|132086</u> entitled "Methods and Systems for Processing Multi-media Editing Projects", naming Eric H. Rudolph as inventor, and bearing attorney docket number MS1-641US: